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Honorable A. Paul Kitchin
Chairman
Committee on Export Control
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kitchin:

In response to the request set forth in your letter of April 4, 1962, I am forwarding herewith for your information a current survey of the food situation in Communist China. I trust this survey covers those points which are of interest to you.

Sincerely,

Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Acting Director

Enclosure:
The Food Situation in
Communist China

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON EXPORT CONTROL
of the
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES
Eighty-Seventh Congress
Washington 25, D.C.

April 4, 1962

Honorable John A. McCone
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

Information has come to my attention that Communist China is currently suffering from an acute food shortage.

As you are aware, I, along with other members of the Committee on Export Control and many of my colleagues, are vitally interested in control of any commodities exported or proposed to be exported to Communist countries. Recently when I learned of a proposed shipment of large quantities of wheat to Red China, I personally voiced strong objections to the approval of the application for license to export such wheat, and was happy to learn that the application was promptly thereafter disapproved.

I am particularly interested in obtaining reliable information as to the food shortage in Communist China and will appreciate it very much if you can furnish me with a declassified summary of pertinent facts dealing with this vital matter.

Your cooperation will be sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

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A. Paul Kitchin
Chairman

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